

Bloodhound Health Scheme

The Bloodhound Health Scheme is open to anyone in the UK with a registered Bloodhound fitting the required criteria below, you do not need to be a member of the Breed Clubs or participate in any events, however the Platinum Award does include involvement in working trials and shows.

Bloodhounds must be Kennel Club registered and either micro chipped, tattooed or DNA profiled to participate in the scheme. To be eligible Bloodhounds must be over 12 months old.

BRONZE

Breed Health Certificate

Where a Bloodhound has obtained a Breed Health Certificate.

To qualify for a Bronze Breed Health Certificate an assessment form provided by the Health Subcommittee must be completed by either your own Veterinary Surgeon or one provided by either club at one of their organised events. The Bloodhound has to pass the criteria set out on the assessment form to obtain the Breed Health Certificate.

SILVER

Breed Health Certificate

Attended a Bloodhound Club Eye Clinic

In addition to the Bronze Breed Health Certificate the Bloodhound must have attended a Bloodhound Eye Clinic hosted at a Bloodhound Club Show; the Bloodhound will be assessed by a specialist Ophthalmic Veterinary Surgeon.

GOLD

Breed Health Certificate

Attended a Bloodhound Club Eye Clinic

BVA Elbow Sore

BVA Hip Score

BVA Heart Assessment

In addition to the Silver Award the Bloodhound will have to have a BVA hip score and a BVA elbow score, they also will need to have a BVA Heart Assessment (by Auscultation (stethoscope)) completed by a Veterinary Cardiologist.

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PLATINUM

Breed Health Certificate

Attended a Bloodhound Club Eye Clinic

BVA Elbow Sore

BVA Hip Score

BVA Heart Assessment

To compete in Bloodhound Working Trials/Working Permit

To compete in the Show Ring

In addition to the Gold Award the Bloodhound has to compete in Bloodhound Working Trials or have obtained a Working Trial Permit to show that they are fit for purpose and compete in the Show Ring for conformation assessment.

STUD DOG OR BROOD BITCH OF MERIT

To have achieved the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

To have achieved a Stud Book Number

To have a minimum of four progeny, two of which have obtained the Bronze Award, one the Silver Award and one the Gold Award.

All Awards are at the discretion of the Health Subcommittee.

Tests currently carried out in other countries but not routinely carried out in the UK and not currently included in the Health Scheme are Glaucoma and Degenerative Myelopathy (DM). Funding may be available from The Bloodhound Club for testing Glaucoma if intending to breed with the bitch or dog, please contact the Health Subcommittee for more information. This Health Scheme may be subject to change as health tests develop and health risks are evaluated for the breed.